

## **Eucolait celebrates European Parliament approval of the modernised EU-Mexico agreement**

Eucolait welcomes today's approval by the European Parliament of the modernised EU-Mexico Global Agreement (MGA) and the Interim Trade Agreement (ITA). This marks an important step towards the application of a modern trade framework that will create new opportunities for the European dairy sector.

At a time of growing geopolitical uncertainty, the agreement sends a strong signal in favour of open, rules-based trade and deeper cooperation with a trusted partner. It also contributes to the diversification of EU export markets, strengthening the resilience and long-term growth of the European dairy sector.

The Parliament's approval marks the successful conclusion of a long process. Negotiations on the modernised framework were concluded in January 2026, almost seven years after an agreement in principle was first announced and 25 years after the original EU-Mexico Partnership Agreement entered into force.

Mexico is an attractive and growing market for European dairy exporters. With a population of more than 130 million and rising demand for high-quality dairy products, the country offers significant opportunities for EU suppliers. Dairy exports from the EU to Mexico, led by cheese, casein and infant formula, already exceed €250 million annually.

The modernised agreement delivers meaningful market access opportunities for EU dairy products. It provides duty-free tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for key export products, including cheese and milk powders, while products such as yoghurt and blue cheese will benefit from full duty-free access. The practical administration of these TRQs will be crucial to ensure that exporters can make full use of the agreed concessions.

Beyond tariff liberalisation, the agreement is expected to facilitate regulatory cooperation, help address technical and sanitary barriers to trade, and strengthen collaboration on sustainability.

Eucolait looks forward to the swift ratification of the agreements and their subsequent entry into force, possibly as early as 1 December 2026.

Eucolait encourages the EU institutions to maintain an ambitious trade agenda by concluding and implementing high-quality trade agreements with partners around the world while continuing efforts to eliminate unnecessary technical and sanitary barriers that limit market access.

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